

## **Council, 3 September 2025 – Motions**

### **A. PLANNING – ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION**

#### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council calls on the Administration to instruct the planning policy team to prepare the necessary evidence for consideration of the widening/replacement of the current Article 4 Directions so that permitted development rights for change of use from C3 (dwellinghouses) to C4 (HMOs) are removed for all detached homes throughout the Borough, and commit to begin the necessary consultation and legal preparation process for its introduction within the next six months.

(Received 13 August, 1448)

#### **Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group**

This Council calls on the Administration to ask the planning policy team to prepare the necessary evidence for consideration of the widening/replacement of the current Article 4 Directions so that permitted development rights for change of use from C3 (dwellinghouses) to C4 (HMOs) are extended to include all detached homes throughout the Borough, and commit to begin the necessary consultation and legal preparation process for its introduction after due process and evidence submitted to the Secretary of State.

(Received 22/8, 1054)

### **B. MERCURY LAND HOLDINGS BUSINESS PLAN**

#### **Motion on behalf of the Conservative Group**

This Council recommends a revision of the Mercury Land Holdings business plan, to focus the company on delivering much needed social homes and driving down temporary accommodation costs.

(Received 13 August, 1448)

#### Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

This Council recognises Mercury Land Holdings business plan, which focuses the company on delivering much needed homes driving down housing demand and offering affordable housing.

(Received 22 August, 1054)

### **C. REVIEW OF LICENCING POLICY**

#### Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council calls on the Administration to bring forward an urgent review of its Licencing Policy (ahead of its scheduled review in 2026) given the growing pressure for increasingly later night food and drink licences on neighbourhood shopping parades in residential areas and in the Borough's district and metropolitan centres.

(Received, 14 August, 1835)

#### Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

This Council calls on the Administration to bring forward as soon as practicable its review of the Licencing Policy (ahead of its scheduled review in 2026) given the growing pressure for increasingly later night food and drink licences on neighbourhood shopping parades in residential areas and in the Borough's district and metropolitan centres.

(Received 22 August, 1054)

### **D. GREEN FORUM**

#### Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

This Council recognises the value of the Green Forum and is committed to empowering and enabling its influence, by any means, including but not limited to formally recording and publishing the minute thereof, publishing its meetings alongside other committees of the Council, and including a Green Forum section in the Living email.

(Received, 14 August, 1835)

### Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

This Council recognises the value of the Green Forum and is committed to enabling its influence, including publishing dates of the forum in the eLiving and the actions and dates of the Forum on a dedicated Facebook Group, opening two-way communication.

(Received, 22 August, 1054)

## **E. TREE INSPECTIONS**

### Motion on behalf of the Labour Group

In light of the tragic event in Southend at which a 7 year old girl sadly lost her life, and a near-miss in Harrow Lodge Park where a tree fell across a footpath, this Council commits to introducing a rigorous programme of regular tree inspections across the Borough.

(Received, 14 August, 1835)

### Amendment on behalf of the Havering Residents Association Group

In light of the tragic event in Southend at which a 7 year old girl sadly lost her life, and in Harrow Lodge Park where a tree fell across a footpath, this Council commits to continuing our programme of regular tree inspections across the Borough.

(Received, 22 August, 1054)